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REMARKS

Claims 26 and 27 are pending. Claims 1-25 and 28 were previously canceled without prejudice to their presentation in another application. Claims 29 and 30 have been added. The amendment to claim 26 and the newly added claims are supported by the specification at the end of paragraph 0010.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly anticipated by PCT Patent Application No. WO 98/49348 ("the Dean application"). Applicants submit that Dean provides no teachings or suggestions regarding carrier particles of specific sizes as now claimed. Therefore the rejection for anticipation under 35 USC 102(a) is traversed.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by PCT Patent Application No. WO 97/25339 ("the Lockett application"). As with the rejection based on the Dean application, the Lockett application provides no teachings or suggestions regarding carrier particles of specific sizes as now claimed. Therefore the rejection for anticipation under 35 USC 102(a) is traversed.

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The Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge \$395 to the Deposit Account 50-0252 for a request for continued examination, small entity (\$395). It is believed that there are no additional fees due. However, if an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate amount to the above named Deposit Account.

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CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of pending claims 26, 27 and 29-30 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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